

District Court Judge

Peter Froehlich, First Judicial District



DATE OF BIRTH: June 1, 1947

PLACE OF BIRTH: Minneapolis, Minnesota

NAME OF SPOUSE: Elsa Demeksa

CHILDREN: Kaleb (20), Ephraim (16)

LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN ALASKA: 32 years

EDUCATION:

Marquette University (Milwaukee, Wisconsin), 1965-1969, B.S.;
Willamette University (Salem, Oregon), 1973-1975, J.D.

POLITICAL AND GOVERNMENT POSITIONS:

Assistant Attorney General, 1982-1989, 1976-1979; counsel,
House Judiciary Committee, 1981; summer intern, Ketchikan
District Attorney's Office, 1974.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS:

Alaska and Juneau Bar Associations, 1976-present; faculty
moderator, National Judicial College, 1997; Jury Subcommittee
to Fairness and Access Committee, 1996-1997; Conference of
Alaska Judges, 1990-1994; president, board member, Alaska
Bar Association Ethics Committee, 1991-1994; Code Revision
Commission, 1986-1990; commercial fisherman, 1970-1981.

SERVICE ORGANIZATION(S) MEMBERSHIP:

Mayor's Task Forces on Youth and on Sobriety; Boys & Girls
Club Board; Youth Court Board; ALSC Pro Bono Program; board
member, United Way of Southeast; president, Big Brothers and
Big Sisters.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Family, sports, coaching, fishing, hiking.

OTHER:

Youth program volunteer of the year, 2002; six courses at the
National Judicial College, 1990-present; University of
Washington Law School, summer 1974; University of Alaska
Anchorage graduate work, 1972.

STATEMENT:

It has been a great honor to serve the people of Juneau and
northern Southeast Alaska as your District Court Judge for the
past 13 years. It is a daunting responsibility, but also truly a
privilege. When I was sworn in on August 1, 1989, I promised to
do the very best that I could as a judge. I have done that, and I
now renew that commitment. I will continue to do all that I can to
be fair and considerate to everyone that comes before me.

I always strive to improve the fairness, efficiency, and
effectiveness of our judicial process. This includes facilitating
communication and cooperation among the various people and
agencies involved, especially with criminal cases and young
people. In 1995, we started an "After School Court" to deal with
teenage drinkers and smokers in a serious and rehabilitative
manner. In 2000, we started a "Wellness Court" to help
misdemeanants overcome their addictions, and a "Youth Court"
to provide a positive alternative to formal court proceedings and
hold young offenders accountable to their community and peers.

We have seen significant progress and improvements, but there
is always room for more. I want to continue working to enrich our
legal system and our communities, while also preserving the
rights and dignity of individual litigants in each case. I deeply
hope to be remembered as a judge who was both compassionate
and fair.

provided and paid for by the candidate

Alaska Judicial Council Recommendation

Judge Peter Froehlich, District Court, Juneau

I. Judicial Council Evaluation. The Alaska Judicial Council, a non-partisan citizens commission established by the Alaska Constitution, finds Judge Froehlich to be *Qualified* and recommends unanimously (5-0) that the public vote **Yes** to retain him as a district court judge.

II. Summary of Evaluation Information. A survey of 2,860 attorneys in Alaska rated Judge Froehlich on sixteen categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Attorneys rated Judge Froehlich 3.5 on a scale of 5 on overall judicial performance. He scored highest in the categories of promptness in making decisions (4.0), conduct free from impropriety (3.9) and controls courtroom (3.9). He scored lowest (3.4) in legal and factual analysis, knowledge of substantive law, and courtesy.

	Attorney Survey	Peace Officer Survey	Juror Survey	Court Employee Survey
Legal Ability	3.5	---	---	---
Impartiality	3.6	4.0	4.7	3.9
Integrity	3.9	4.1	---	4.1
Temperament	3.6	4.0	4.8	3.9
Diligence	3.9	4.3	---	4.1
Special Skills	3.6	4.1	---	---
Overall	3.5	4.0	4.7	3.9

Ratings are based on a one to five scale. Five is the best rating and three is "acceptable."

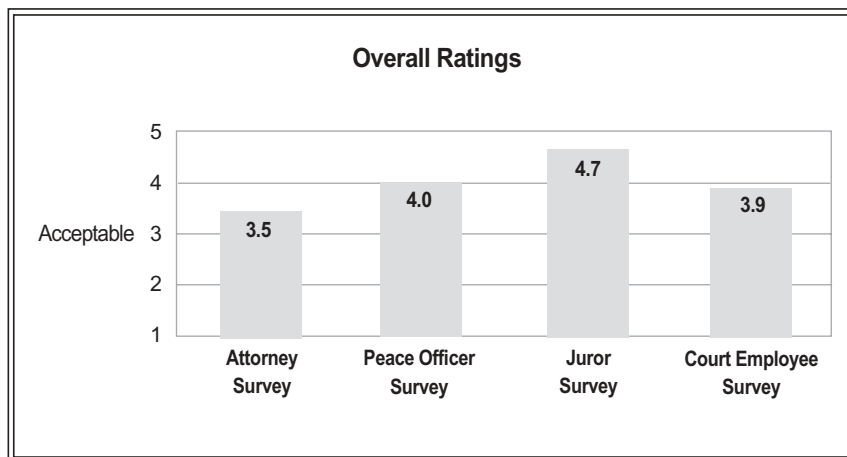
Rating Scale

5.0 = Excellent
4.0 = Good
3.0 = Acceptable
2.0 = Deficient
1.0 = Unacceptable

A survey of 1,704 peace and probation officers in Alaska rated Judge Froehlich on twelve categories that are summarized in the adjacent graph. Peace and probation officers rated Judge Froehlich 4.0 on overall judicial performance. He scored highest (4.4) in the categories of controls courtroom and promptness in making decisions. He scored 3.6 or better in all categories.

A survey of all jurors appearing before Judge Froehlich in 2000 and 2001 rated him 4.7 on a scale of 5 on overall performance. A survey of all court employees rated him 3.9 on a scale of 5 on overall performance.

The Council also completed a background investigation including a court records check, a disciplinary records check, a review of conflict of interest statements submitted to the court system and a review of financial disclosure statements submitted to the Alaska Public Offices Commission. Attorneys, peace officers, court employees and jurors were asked to submit written comments about the judge. The Council actively encouraged the public to comment, both in writing and in a statewide public hearing teleconference.



Recommendation: Vote YES to retain Judge Froehlich

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